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SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 12, 2016

SB 978 Senator Lee

CHILD CUSTODY – LEGAL DECISION MAKING AND PARENTING TIME

Repealing references to the terms “child custody” and “visitation” and substituting the terms “legal decision making” and “parenting time” in specified instances; authorizing the court to consider how best to promote stability and long-term health and welfare for children; requiring the court, in determining the appropriate allocation of legal decision making or parenting time between the parties, to consider the ability of the parties to meet the child’s developmental needs and create family parenting time schedules; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

FL, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

Assigned to: Senate Rules

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SB 979 Senator Peters**OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the eligibility provisions of the Optional Retirement Program to include individuals in specified position categories designated by specified governing boards of institutions of higher education or the Secretary of Higher Education; authorizing an individual who was a participant in the Optional Retirement Program as of a specified date to continue to participate in the Program under specified circumstances; and conforming specified terminology to current institutional policies regarding employment categories.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SP, § 30-301 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 980 Senator Miller**GAMING – TRADITIONAL NONCOMMERCIAL FANTASY COMPETITIONS – CLARIFICATION**

Prohibiting a person from offering or participating in a commercial game or competition that includes the elements of consideration, chance, and reward; requiring specified units of State and local government to narrowly construe sections of law that authorize specified types of gaming; altering the definition of fantasy sports competitions; providing for regulation of specified fantasy sports competitions by the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

CR, §§ 12-102(a) and 12-113 - amended, CR, § 12-102(a-1) and SG, §§ 9-1B-01 and 9-1B-02 - added, and CR, § 12-114 - repealed

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 981 Senator Zirkin**PUBLIC HEALTH – COPIES OF MEDICAL RECORDS – FEES**

Providing that a health care provider may require that a person in interest or any other authorized person pay a fee, 50 cents for each copied page and \$15 for retrieval, postage, and handling, for a copy of a medical record if a free copy has already been provided; repealing specified provisions of law that allow for fees charged for copies of medical records to be adjusted annually for inflation in accordance with the Consumer Price Index; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 4-304(c) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 982 Senators Kasemeyer and Miller**MARYLAND PRIVATE EQUITY AND VENTURE CAPITAL AUTHORITY**

Establishing the Maryland Private Equity and Venture Capital Authority in the State Retirement and Pension System for the purpose of providing recommendations regarding investments in private equity and venture capital in the State; beginning in fiscal year 2017, requiring the Authority to make recommendations to the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System regarding the investment of specified additional funds; requiring the Board of Trustees to make investments in accordance with the Authority's recommendations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SP, § 21-108(c) - amended and §§ 21-701 through 21-707 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 983 Senator Zucker**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SANDY SPRING MUSEUM**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$40,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of Sandy Spring Museum, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Sandy Spring Museum, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 984 Senator Zucker**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – OUR HOUSE YOUTH HOME**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$50,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Our House Youth Home, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of a new dormitory and the Weinberg Building at Our House Youth Home, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 985 Senator Zucker**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – MAYDALE NATURE CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$75,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Maydale Nature Center, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 986 Senator Zucker**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – OLNEY THEATRE CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Olney Theatre Center for the Arts, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Olney Theatre Center, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 987 Senator Zucker**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – DAMASCUS HIGH SCHOOL TURF FIELD**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Damascus High School Athletic Booster Club Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of a turf field for Damascus High School, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 988 Senator Middleton**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – CHARLES COUNTY – MARYLAND VETERANS MEMORIAL MUSEUM LAND ACQUISITION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$225,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Maryland Veterans Memorial Museum, Inc. at Charles County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Maryland Veterans Memorial Museum, located in Charles County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 989 Washington County Senators**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – ACCESS TO PUBLIC SCHOOL COURSES – NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Requiring the Washington County Board of Education to allow a nonpublic school student to enroll in up to three classes in the public school that the nonpublic school student would otherwise be required to attend; requiring a specified nonpublic school student to meet specified eligibility requirements for public school students; requiring the State and county to reimburse a specified public school a specified amount of money under specified circumstances; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 7-311 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 990 Senator Currie, et al**MEDICAL SCHOOLS – USE OF ANIMALS IN MEDICAL TRAINING – PROHIBITED**

Prohibiting a medical school from using a live or dead animal in the medical education or training of students if alternate methods are used by specified other medical schools in the State; and establishing a penalty for violation of the Act not to exceed \$1,000 for each animal used.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 24-401 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 991 Senator Young**NATURAL RESOURCES – WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING PREVENTION**

Prohibiting a person from purchasing, selling, offering for sale, or possessing with the intent to sell specified parts or products of specified animal species under specified circumstances, subject to specified exceptions; establishing specified penalties for a violation of the Act; requiring that fines and restitution imposed under the Act be credited to the Department of Natural Resources for the benefit of the Birdwatcher's Fund to be used for the preservation of nongame wildlife species and threatened or endangered species; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

NR, § 10-2A-06.1 - amended and §§ 10-2B-01 through 10-2B-10 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 992 Senator Young**VEHICLE LAWS – GIVING WAY TO OVERTAKING VEHICLES IN THE LEFT LANE**

Providing that on a roadway that has two or more lanes for traffic moving in the same direction a vehicle being overtaken in the far left lane shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle under specified circumstances; and establishing that the penalty for a violation of the Act for a first offense is \$100, for a second offense, is \$300, and for a third and subsequent offenses, is \$500.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 21-303 - amended and § 27-101 (gg) - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 993 Senator Young**PROCUREMENT – EQUAL PAY CERTIFICATES – REQUIREMENT**

Prohibiting a unit from awarding a procurement contract to a specified contractor unless the contractor has a specified equal pay certificate or a specified written exemption; requiring a specified contractor to apply for an equal pay certificate by submitting to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry a specified application fee and a specified statement; authorizing the Commissioner to revoke or suspend an equal pay certificate under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

GP, § 4-356 and SF, §§ 17-801 through 17-809 - added and SF, § 11-203 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 994 **Senator Young****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK – REVISIONS**

Establishing the Equal Pay Commission to study and promote research on wage disparities and recommend ways to remediate wage disparities in the public and private sectors, between men and women and between minorities and nonminorities; requiring an employer to include specified information in a job advertisement to recruit an employee or individual contractor to fill a position within the employer's organization; prohibiting an employer from seeking salary history information by specified methods; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LE, §§ 3-303, 3-307, and 3-308 - amended and §§ 3-303.1, 3-304.1, and 3-307.1 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 995 **Senator Waugh****ST. MARY'S COUNTY – LOCAL LICENSES – REPEAL**

Repealing provisions of law that relate to specified licenses issued in St. Mary's County for hucksters, peddlers, and other specified businesses.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PLL of St. Mary's Co, Art. 19, §§ 61-1 through 61-3 - repealed

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 996 **Senator Waugh****ST. MARY'S COUNTY – LOCAL LANDLORD AND TENANT LAW – REPEAL**

Repealing a specified provision of law concerning the return of goods to a tenant in an action for distress for rent.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PLL of St. Mary's Co, Art. 19, § 71-1 - repealed

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 997 Senator Waugh**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – METROPOLITAN COMMISSION BONDS –
EXTENSION OF MAXIMUM MATURITY DATE**

Altering the maximum period of time from 30 to 40 years after which specified bonds issued by the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission mature.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PLL of St. Mary's Co, Art. 19, § 113-6 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 998 Senator Waugh**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – NEW OR
EXPANDING BUSINESSES**

Authorizing St. Mary's County or a municipal corporation in St. Mary's County to grant a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on property that is owned or leased by specified new or expanding businesses; providing that the property tax credit may not be granted for more than 10 years; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

TP, § 9-320(d) - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 999 Senator Waugh**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – KEEPER OF THE JAIL – REPEAL**

Repealing provisions related to the position of Keeper of the Jail of St. Mary's County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PLL of St. Mary's Co, Art. 19, § 68-1 - repealed

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1000 Senator Waugh**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – CIRCUIT COURT PERSONNEL – REPEAL**

Repealing specified provisions of law concerning the appointment and compensation of a law clerk for the St. Mary's County Court resident judge; and repealing specified provisions of law concerning the appointment and compensation of secretaries for judges in the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PLL of St. Mary's Co, Art. 19, §§ 19-1 and 19-2 - repealed

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1001 Senator Waugh**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – TAXICABS – REPEAL OF LOCAL PROVISIONS**

Repealing provisions of law that relate to the regulation of taxicabs in St. Mary's County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PLL of St. Mary's Co, Art. 19, §§ 133-1 through 133-3 - repealed

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1002 Senators Hershey and Eckardt**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – CAROLINE COUNTY – SHARP ROAD COMMUNITY PARK**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Denton for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of Sharp Road Community Park, located in Caroline County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1003 Senator Rosapepe**DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – DATA SHARING AND INTEGRATION**

Expanding the duties of the Secretary of Information Technology to include the permitting of data sharing and integration among specified units of State government; establishing the Management Intelligence Incentive Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring the Governor to submit with the State budget specified information about the Fund and projects supported by the Fund; authorizing specified State units to request specified project funding from the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SF, §§ 3A-303 through 3A-305 and 6-226(a)(2)(ii)84. and 85. - amended and §§ 3A-310 and 6-226(a)(2)(ii)86. - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1004 Senator Klausmeier, et al**GAMING PAYOUTS – DONATION OF COINS – MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND**

Requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to adopt regulations requiring video lottery facility licensees to adopt procedures to offer players the opportunity to donate coins, when receiving cash on payout, to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund; and requiring the Commission to adopt regulations requiring licensees to attach donation boxes near exits in video lottery facilities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SG, §§ 9-1A-04(d) and 9-913(g) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules